

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for commissioning articles, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a double shelf unit including two parallel shelving units arranged at spaced locations from one another to define a bay aisle;

5 providing a plurality of containers;

positioning a central belt within said bay aisle such that one shelving unit is located on one side of said central belt and another shelving unit is located on another side of said central belt, said central belt being associated with a central belt commissioning device, said central belt commissioning device including a discharge station;

10 providing conveying tracks, one conveying track being parallel to another conveying track, each conveying track defining a commissioning path, one conveying track being associated with one of said shelving units on one side of said central belt, another conveying track being associated with another of said shelving units on another side of said central belt, said containers being located on said conveying tracks;

15 providing a plurality of first articles, each first article having a transportation property such that each first article can be transported via said central belt;

providing a plurality of second articles, said second articles being located on one of said shelves, each second article having a transportation property such that each second article cannot be transported via said central belt;

20 transferring said second articles from said shelves into said containers;

automatically moving said first articles from a location above said central belt to a location on said central belt;

transporting said containers with said second articles to said discharge station or to said central belt for commissioning with said first articles, wherein said first articles are placed in said containers with said second articles when said containers with said second articles are transferred to said central belt; and

transferring said first articles from said central belt to a stationary container arranged at an end of said central belt when said containers with said second articles are transported to said discharge station.

2. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing a removing track; and

transferring said containers filled with said second articles via said removing track when said containers with said second articles are transferred to said end of said central belt via said removing track, wherein said first articles are placed into said containers filled with said second articles.

3. (Currently Amended) A commissioning system for commissioning articles, the system comprising:

a central belt ~~located within said bay aisle, said central belt~~ being associated with an

article commissioning device discharging station;

5 a first shelving unit located on one side of said central belt;

a second shelving unit located on another side of said central belt at a spaced location from said first shelving unit to define a bay aisle, said first shelving unit being parallel to said second shelving unit, said central belt being located within said bay aisle such that said central belt extends parallel to said first shelving unit and said second shelving unit;

10 a plurality of first articles, each first article having a transportation property such that each first article can be transported via said central belt;

a plurality of second articles, ~~said second articles being~~ located on ~~one of~~ said first shelving unit and said second shelving unit ~~[[units]]~~, each second article having a transportation property such that each second article cannot be transported via said central belt;

15 a means for automatically moving said plurality of first articles onto said central belt;

a first container;

a second container;

a first conveying track in the form of a free roller path associated with said first shelving unit, said first container being arranged on said first conveying track, said first container receiving one or more said ~~[[first]]~~ second articles from said first shelving unit;

20 a second conveying track in the form of a free roller path associated with said second shelving unit, said second container being arranged on said second conveying track, said second container receiving one or more said second articles from said second shelving unit;

a removing track, said containers filled with said second articles being transferred to

25        said discharging station or to said central belt for further filling with said first articles or to said removing track; ~~said removing track conveying~~ such that said removing track conveys said containers filled with said second articles to the end of the central belt for further filling with said first articles.

4. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 3, wherein said first shelving unit has a first shelf and a second shelf, said first shelf being parallel to said second shelf, said first shelf being arranged at a spaced location from said second shelf, said second shelving unit having one shelf and another shelf, said one shelf being parallel to said  
5        another shelf, said one shelf being arranged at a spaced location from said another shelf, said first conveying track and said second conveying track being located close to the floor.

5. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 3, wherein said first conveying track is designed as a first conveying track integrated in said first shelf and is a structural component of the first shelf at least partially, said second conveying track being integrated in said another shelf, said second conveying track being a structural component of  
5        said another shelf at least partially.

6. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the first conveying track is arranged in the area of the central belt and is a structural component of the central belt commissioning device at least partially, said second conveying track being

arranged in said area of said central belt, said second conveying track being a structural component of said central belt commissioning device at least partially.

7. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the removing track is arranged above the central belt.

8. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the removing track is provided directly next to the first conveying track and the second conveying track in a parallel arrangement, at the same level.

9. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the first conveying track, the second conveying track, the removing track or the central belt is provided with at least one said discharge station.

10. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 4, wherein the first conveying track is designed as a first conveying track integrated in the first shelf and is a structural component of the first shelf at least partially, said second conveying track being integrated in said another shelf, said second conveying track being a structural component of said another shelf at least partially.

11. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 4,

wherein the conveying track is arranged in the area of the central belt and is a structural component of the central belt commissioning device at least partially, said second conveying track being arranged in said area of said central belt, said second conveying track being a structural component of said central belt commissioning device at least partially.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for commissioning articles, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a central belt associated with an article commissioning device discharging station;

providing central belt articles which are movable along the central belt at a position above the central belt such that said central belt articles are able to fall directly onto the driven central belt;

providing sensitive articles which are not movable along the central belt in an article ~~warehouse or shelf~~ shelving system, said shelving system comprising a first shelving unit located on one side of said central belt and a second shelving unit located on another side of said central belt, said first shelving unit and said second shelving unit defining an aisle, said central belt being located in said aisle;

commissioning central belt articles in the central belt commissioning device from the central belt into a stationary container or into a container arranged at the end of the central belt;

removing one or more said sensitive articles from at least one said [[shelf]] shelving unit and placing one or more said sensitive articles in one or more containers in a commissioning

20 path to the right and left of the central belt of the central belt commissioning device, said  
commissioning path being defined by a first conveying track associated with said first shelving  
unit and a second conveying track associated with said second shelving unit, said  
commissioning path first conveying track and said second conveying track being located at a  
spaced location from said central belt, wherein a portion of said first conveying track and a  
portion of said second conveying track extends and extending parallel to said central belt; and  
sending the sensitive articles in the containers directly to a discharging station or to the  
central belt commissioning device for commissioning with the central belt articles.

5 13. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein ~~the~~  
~~commissioning path to the right and left of the central belt is defined by a conveying track in a~~  
~~commissioning area of the central belt~~, said containers with sensitive articles ~~[[being]]~~ are  
transferred either directly to the discharging station or for further filling with said central belt  
articles, directly to the central belt or to a removing track~~[[,]]~~ such that said removing track  
~~transferring~~ transfers the containers filled with said sensitive articles to the end of the central  
belt for further filling with said central belt articles.

14. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said  
conveying tracks are parallel to said central belt.

15. (Previously Presented) A commissioning system in accordance with claim 3,

wherein said first conveying track and said second conveying track are parallel to said central belt.

16. (New) A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein said first shelving unit is parallel to said second shelving unit.

17. (New) A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein a portion of said first conveying track is parallel to a portion of said second conveying track.

18. (New) A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein said first conveying track is located on one side of said central belt and said second conveying track is located on another side of said central belt.